

## Lodge Expected To Oppose Navy Bill Amendment

By Universal Service.  
SENATOR LODGE, majority leader, is expected to make a point of order against the Borah amendment to the Naval bill, authorizing the President to call an economic conference to discuss reparations and other financial problems of Europe, when the bill is called up in the Senate today.

It is stated that the Borah amendment comes clearly within the rule which forbids the writing of new legislation into an appropriation bill. Vice President Marshall, when in this chair, ruled repeatedly on this question, it is said, and always held that neither house has the right to inject such matters into an appropriation measure.

Senator Lodge probably will speak against acceptance of either the Borah proposal or the House provision asking for a conference to discuss limitation of submarines, aircraft and other naval armament.

exploring every avenue of hope for progress in reaching a determination in accord with France and the other allies, but it is certainly a mistake to say that such efforts have been suggested by Chancellor Cuno or any other German authorities.

### NOT GERMAN INSPIRED

The action of the American Government is certainly not based on German initiative, but is inspired undoubtedly by the belief that the peace of the world and the recovery of the allies could be greatly facilitated by a settlement of the reparations question.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, representing the business men of America, stands ready, if called on, as in the case of all other business organizations, to assist in such an effort.

The State Department declined to comment on the Chamber of Commerce statement.

Secretary Mellon asserted that he was unaware of any plan which would place him at the head of an American Reparations Commission.

### NEWS TO ME, SAYS HOOVER

"This is the first I have heard of the matter," he said, referring to newspaper dispatches. "Surely, I would be among the first to know if the report were correct."

"I can say nothing about the international situation, nor do I care to discuss the future foreign policy of this Government, which probably will be among the first to know of the near future. I cannot tell what will happen a month from now."

The plan for an American Reparations Commission, it is understood, is satisfactory to the United States, Great Britain and Germany. French leaders, it is understood, are still discussing the idea.

## Mellon Denies Blair Will Quit Government

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon last night emphatically denied a report current here yesterday that Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair had tendered his resignation to take effect January 1.

Until Secretary Mellon had spoken the report was given credence ordinarily by the financial circles. The report had it that Commissioner Blair was leaving the Government service to become chief counsel in matters of taxation for the American Tobacco Company.

## Dry Agents Round Up Moonshiners In Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Prohibition informers in the South are cleaning out moonshine liquor in great quantities, they asserted today, as the apex of the drive on Christmas run began to get near.

The largest illicit still ever taken by prohibition agent was raided today near White Springs, Ga., in swamp land when Federal agents found one of 1,442 gallons capacity running full blast.

## Accused of \$80,000 Theft, Banker Is Freed On Bail

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 21.—J. Lawrence Perry, former vice president of the Alexandria National Bank, today was released on \$20,000 bonds pending a hearing on January 2 before United States Commissioner J. Barton Phillips on charges of embezzling \$80,000 of the bank's funds.

C. C. Perry, brother of the alleged bank defaulter, furnished bond. Perry is represented by Attorney Albert V. Bryan.

## Senate Quits Tomorrow Until Next Wednesday

The Senate agreed yesterday that when it reconvenes at noon tomorrow it shall immediately adjourn until the following Wednesday.

This will give the Senate a four-day Christmas holiday vacation, and it is expected to throw the ship subsidy bill into the new year.

## 'Shot Father,' Says Youth Entering Police Station

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Robert Resch, twenty, walked into a police station early today and announced he had shot his father, Joseph, during a quarrel, in which the latter beat him and tried to throw him out of their home.

The police found the elder Resch dead, with two bullets through his heart. Furniture was overturned and the room in disorder.

## TEXAS 'DRY' HEAD QUILTS

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes yesterday received by telegram the resignation of David H. Harris, prohibition director of Texas. Harris gave no reason for his action. A reply was dispatched immediately naming Field Supervisor Frank Cole as acting director.

# SENATE OPENS NAVY MEASURE DEBATE TODAY

President Would Be Authorized to Call World Conference on the Limitation of Sea Craft

## BORAH ADDS AMENDMENT

Proposes Meeting of Nations to Study Economic Problem and Question of Armament

By Universal Service.  
The Naval appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$295,804,378 for support of the Navy during the fiscal year 1924, and including the provision asking the President to call another international conference on limitation of submarines, aircraft and vessels under 10,000 registry, was reported yesterday to the Senate by Senator Poindexter, acting chairman of the naval committee. Discussion of the measure is expected to open in the Senate today.

### ECONOMIC CONFERENCES

The proposal for a conference on naval construction was broadened by Senator Borah, who introduced an amendment for an economic conference supplementary to the proposed conference. The Borah amendment asks the President to invite such governments as he may deem necessary or expedient to send delegates to study the economic problems in the world, "with a view of arriving at such understandings or arrangements as may seem essential to the restoration of trade and to the establishment of sound financial and business conditions, and also to consider the subject of further limitation of armaments both by land and by sea, and particularly relative to limiting the construction of all types of submarines and surface craft of 10,000 tons standard displacement, and of aircraft."

The holding of such a conference would transfer settlement of reparations and other questions in Europe from the League of Nations, which is empowered under the Versailles treaty to adjust them, to a conference called by the President of the United States and assembling, probably, in Washington. Borah's plan for a conference, therefore, goes far beyond that proposed in the House bill, which was to deal with question of armament only.

### CAUSES DISCUSSION

The Borah amendment caused wide discussion, especially among Senators who stood with him in opposition to the League of Nations. He was asked if his proposal would not have the effect of opening the door to American entrance into the league, and he replied that such was not his purpose. He stated, however, that the league is not functioning for the settlement of the reparations question and that as something had to be done, the United States, in his opinion, should take the lead in doing it.

Senator Borah issued a statement relative to his amendment, in which he declared, "we are traveling in a vicious circle." He called attention to the condition of producers, the failure of farmers to find markets and the impossibility of raising anything on what he produced. The Senator quoted the House Naval Affairs Committee to the effect that unless the agreements reached in the arms conference are extended there will be another competitive race in naval armaments, which will be destructive of all hope of economic recovery. The statement added:

### FEARS NAVAL RACE

No business man or anyone else who has reflected upon the situation dares to look over the next year if he next year is to be similar to the year which is passing. It seems to me that there ought to be a hectic effort made not only to stop this threatened naval race, but also to deal with economic conditions. The question of reparations is the key to the European situation. If that cannot be adjusted, nothing can be adjusted. There may be possible a conference of this kind to break the deadlock on this subject. If there is a better prospect anywhere around, I should be glad to waive this suggestion.

The naval bill appropriates \$1,787,840 more than was carried in the House bill. It is greater by \$1,250,904.75 than the 1923 bill and \$800,403 in excess of the estimates made by the Navy Department to the Budget Bureau.

The Senate committee made a cut of \$903,000 in the amount the Secretary of the Navy is permitted to spend for the prosecution of work on vessels under construction. The House bill appropriates \$20,000,000 for the purpose, and the Senate committee reduced it to \$19,057,000.

## Budget Director Defends D. C. Estimates He Cut

Defense of his stand in pruning the District estimates recently submitted to Congress, was made last night by Gen. H. M. Lord, Director of the Budget. He addressed before the Illinois State Society at the Thomson School.

General Lord declared that the District's estimates were contained in the best balanced budget that this city has ever had and expressed the belief that the Commissioners were of the same opinion.

He also explained how the estimates are apportioned before they are submitted to Congress. Herbert W. Rutledge, president of the society presided.

## HARTSON IS CONFIRMED

The Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Nelson T. Hartson, of Washington State, as solicitor of internal revenue.

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## VETERANS IN FIGHT TO BLOCK CRAMER

Protest Against His Possible Appointment as Assistant Secretary of War.

### By Universal Service.

Leaders among ex-service men over the country are waging a bitter fight to prevent the appointment of Charles F. Cramer, of California, general counsel of the Veterans' Bureau, as Assistant Secretary of War. It was learned yesterday.

Vigorous protests against this appointment are said to have reached both Secretary of War Weeks and the President, through informal channels.

Cramer is one of the several ex-servicemen who have been named to high positions in the Government. He was elected to Congress November 2 from New York district. Wainwright will resign from the War Department about March 1 to be ready to begin his Congressional term March 1.

The protesting ex-service men, it is said, claim that Cramer has been more concerned in furthering his own political ambitions than in looking after the welfare of the disabled soldiers.

Among others who are being mentioned for consideration as Wainwright's successor are Representative Thomas S. Crago, of Pennsylvania, and Gen. Frank E. Maloney, of Tennessee. Crago is a member of the House Military Affairs Committee. Maloney is a Spanish war veteran and served two terms as adjutant general of Tennessee under Gov. Ben W. Hooper, now chairman of the Railroad Labor Board.

## Eastern High Alumni Hold Annual Reunion

More than 800 alumni participated in a reunion at Eastern High school's old building yesterday afternoon.

Speaking, vaudeville, dancing and refreshments comprised the program. Homer Johnson, former principal, delivered the address of welcome and was followed by A. L. Harris, municipal architect, and Miss Kathryn Harris.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Bertram G. Foster, 1934, president; Virginia Farnsworth, 1935, vice president; Mary Murray, 1932, secretary; Cameron Burton, 1931, treasurer.

## Gun Tickles Ribs Of Alleged Flirt

Mrs. Alma C. Smythe, of Alexandria, plaintiff in a \$100,000 suit against Leighton Taylor, former secretary to the late Senator Borah, Penrose, which is scheduled to come to trial today in the District Supreme Court, on Tuesday poked the barrel of a revolver in the ribs of a man she alleges tried to flirt with her while she was walking on Main street in Alexandria.

Doffing his hat, the alleged flirt, who she says gave his name as Charles E. Petty, of the city, then drew the gun and held him until the arrival of the police. Petty denied Mrs. Smythe's allegations when he was given a hearing in the Alexandria police court. Mrs. Smythe asserted that she had been hounded by Petty, the secretary of Justice, since filling the suit against Mr. Taylor. She claims \$100,000 damages because of the secretary's alleged attempt to hug her and for "stealing" four kisses.

## TODAY

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editor of the excellent National Geographic Magazine reminds you that people of Cnidus refused to sell a statue of Aphrodite by Praxiteles to King Nicomedes, although the King offered in exchange to cancel the entire and enormous debt of the city. You could not buy this Venus of Milo from France—it belongs to the nation—for a thousand million francs, or five times that—although France needs money.

### THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

England's law-making machine, contains more labor men than lawyers, which never happened before. It won't happen here, for many a day. Congress and all our legislatures are packed with lawyers, and although here and there a farmer or business man has crept in, the lawyers rule. Lawyers know what laws are good for lawyers.

### DETROIT HAS RECKLESS

automobile drivers tested for insanity, and a fair share are shown to be defective. All are, of course, but you can not quite prove it. To speed when it endangers the lives of others is insanity. But if all the slightly insane were locked up, who would do the work?

### THE FIGHT AGAINST TAX

exempt securities goes on—a feeble and losing fight. The President is for it, sincerely, but the men with big incomes are amazed, astounded and grieved.

"What are you trying to do?" they ask. "Deprive us of our tax-proof cyclone cellars? Do you think you are going to tax us, as you tax the foolish little people? Not exactly. Learn that laws are not made, for US—especially tax laws."

Take notice that this Administration will not stop the flood of securities that pay no income tax, or find any way to tax the stock dividends that represent the most shameful tax evasions. The fact that convenient judicial decisions have authorized the evasion does not change the facts.

### FOR A CERTAIN class of

citizens laws do not count. And that very class of citizens, one of these days, will bitterly regret that their evasion supplied to others the ammunition that is to give them CONSIDERABLE disagreeable trouble.

### PART OF NAVY UNFIT, PRESIDENT HEARS

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fleet now holds target practice at ranges exceeding 30,000 yards. Hostilities between fleets having such disparity in ranges, according to naval experts, would result in the destruction of the less powerful, while the victor would escape practically unscathed.

Use of airplanes in directing gunfire has made necessary the increased range of battleships, it is asserted.

The necessity for protection against aerial bombs and against high-angle gunfire from long ranges has necessitated the increased thickness of deck armor, according to naval experts.

The "batters" are needed not only for defense against torpedoes and depth bombs, but also to increase the buoyancy of the battleship.

By the substitution of five-inch for three-inch guns, it is explained, the burning radius of shells used in anti-aircraft defense is doubled.

## POLICE FIND NO CLUE TO MISSING GIRL, 15

Friends Fear Marguerite Licarione May Have Left to Seek Stage Career.

At a late hour last night police were still searching for Marguerite Licarione, fifteen years old, who has been missing from her home, 1205 I street southeast, since 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, when she left apparently to go to school.

A week ago, when it was discovered that the girl had been playing "hookey," she was threatened with parental discipline, and it is believed that four of family punishment prompted her to run away.

Her mother, Mrs. Alex Licarione, last night declared that her daughter had always expressed a desire to become a trained nurse but in inquiry at hospitals and nurses' training schools has revealed no trace of the girl.

Josephine Mangum, sixteen years old, chum of the missing girl, 526 H street southeast, who received a visit from her Wednesday afternoon, said Marguerite stayed but a short time and left.

Friends of the runaway girl, knowing her love for dancing and theatricals, believe that she might have left town to seek a stage career.

## Oil Found In Well West of Tampa, Fla.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 21.—This section of Florida was thrilled today at news that oil had been taken from a well drilled fifteen miles west of Tampa.

R. V. Hill, veteran of many drillings for oil, took prominent citizens of Hillsboro and Pinellas counties to the well and produced thirty barrels of oil from the bottom of a 3,500-foot hole. He declared that when pumps were working properly the output will be great.

## Recovered from Illness, Taft Buys Xmas Gifts

Chief Justice William Howard Taft, who underwent a minor operation last Saturday, did his Christmas shopping yesterday.

It was stated at his home that he had suffered no ill effects from the operation.

## Finishes Bills In Record Time

Representative Martin B. Madden of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, has established a record in the handling of appropriation bills.

Previous to this year, no Congress has received department appropriation bills in time to vote upon them before January 5. This has often necessitated an extra session.

With resultant delay in reorganizing. But in this session Congress already has passed the State, Commerce and Labor appropriation measures.

The agriculture bill is expected to pass the House today and the navy bill will be reported to the Senate today.

Hearings on the District of Columbia bill and the army bill have been completed and the independent office bill will have been completed today. The Interior and Post Office measures are ready and will be reported after Christmas.

"Our committee simply determined to get down to business and handle these matters in a practical way," Chairman Madden explained.

## NEXT MOVE BY U. S. IS PUZZLING LONDON

British Editors Think Harding Favors Commission to Fix German Reparations.

### SEE NO CHANCE FOR LOAN

Cannot Understand How Ambassador Could Be "Loaded With Facts."

By JOHN T. BURKE.

Special Cable to Universal Service.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—London papers have given up hope that the United States will make a huge loan to Germany for reparations. They are now featuring news from Washington that the Harding Administration favors the appointment of a commission to probe the situation in Germany and fix the amount of reparations.

### HOOVER THE "INEVITABLE"

According to the Pall Mall Gazette, the commission is to be headed by the "inevitable" Hoover. Embassy officials are puzzled as to how the report came to be sent to America from London that Ambassador Harvey, who sails tomorrow on the Berengaria, is "loaded with facts" in support of a program of American intervention.

The Daily News diplomatic correspondent writes:

"The canal industry in America is still booming the latest reparations announcement to the effect that Chancellor Cuno has suggested to America the appointment of a commission of business men to fix new basis for reparations."

### FRANCE HANGING FIRE

It is declared that President Harding and Secretary Hughes are apparently swallowing the suggestion whole and have forthwith passed it on to Great Britain and France, and that Britain immediately has approved the plan, but that France is hanging fire.

There is not a word of truth in the story so far as this country is concerned. No such proposals have been received, much less accepted. There is no reason for this new commission.

## War Finance Corporation Farm Loans \$433,447,000

Nearly half a billion dollars, \$433,447,000, was loaned to American agriculture by the War Finance Corporation during the critical period of depression in the past year, the annual report of the commission sent to Congress disclosed yesterday.

"But the value of the work of the corporation is not to be measured by the advances made," said the report, in stressing that the chief benefit conferred was restoration of confidence in the credit stability of the rural regions.

### Describes Riga On Road To Economic Recovery

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Riga, the most important port and Baltic and one of the main entrances into Russia, has almost recovered from famine conditions and is on the road to economic health, according to a letter received tonight from Leonard P. Steuart, director of the American Relief Administration in Riga.

Mr. Steuart said: "The three Baltic States—Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania—are in a far better financial condition than Russia. The Latvia ruble is back on a gold basis and the exchange is about 250 to the dollar, whereas the Russian ruble is 25,000,000 to the dollar."

## Florida Road Restores Its Old Freight Rates

Voluntary action on the part of the Florida East Coast Railroad to restore the old freight rates on shipments of iron and steel bridge material from Jacksonville to West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale prompted Examiner W. H. Wagner to cancel the hearing scheduled in Cincinnati yesterday.

The railroad proposed to increase the rates from \$2.35 per 2,000 pounds from Jacksonville to West Palm Beach to \$10.65 and from \$2.27 from Jacksonville to Fort Lauderdale to \$9.80. Protests against this marked increase were filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission which ordered a hearing to be held.

## Anthracite Allotment To Canada Is Reduced

Warning was served on Canada yesterday by Federal Fuel Distributor Spens that only 1,800,000 tons of anthracite can be shipped to that country, a reduction of 700,000 tons less than the allotment.

Complaints have been made that Canada has been given an undue proportion of anthracite, while consumers in this country were unable to procure any.

Spens said the Canadians to mix steam coal with domestic sizes of coal and also to employ coal substitutes in place of anthracite, as they largely being done in this country.

## Says Farmers Require "Intermediate Credits"

"The farmers of America are in need of 'intermediate credits,' Grey Silver, representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the Senate Banking and Currency Committee yesterday.

Silver declared existing credit facilities were sufficient to meet the farmers needs on short and long term notes but that there was lack of intermediate credits. He urged legislation to this end.

## Geddes Will Join Davis In Ellis Island Inspection

Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, yesterday informed Secretary of Labor Davis he will join him in New York on December 28 for an inspection of the Ellis Island immigration station.

The inspection to be made by Davis is a preliminary to the formulation of plans for rebuilding Ellis Island.

# Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. Says: Both Parties In Contest Over House Leaders. Longworth Probable Choice of Republicans. Garrett Likely to Succeed Kitchin On Floor.

House. During a greater part of that time he has held himself more or less aloof from other members. He has developed, however, into a good parliamentarian, and of late has become noticeably more and more democratic. Eager to become a power in Congress, since election he has been unusually active. He has made a poll of all House membership, present and future, it is reliably reported, which indicates the fulfillment of his ambition.

In his canvass, Longworth has been assured of support from a majority of the delegations from New York, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, the Pacific Coast States, and all of New England.

Anderson was first choice of the farm bloc. However, it is understood, he has been passed up by Graham, who is looked upon as a Progressive. In House circles, Graham is not credited with having sufficient strength to defeat Longworth.

The Democratic vote is rapidly centering on Garrett of Tennessee, now the senior member of the House. Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, in reality the Democratic leader, has been prevented from serving by illness.

Democratic leaders say neither Garner nor Clegg can draw enough strength away from Garrett to endanger the latter's chances. In past sessions, Garrett's leadership has not always been accepted. Kitchin has been appealed to many times on questions of Democratic policy. But the minority have concluded that divided leadership is not conducive to best results.

Garrett will be the Democratic nominee for speaker in the next Congress. His chance of defeating Speaker Gillett, who will seek reelection, are admittedly slim.

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## LEONARD P. STEUART HOUSE RATIFIES AGAIN HEADS ALMAS PENSION REPORT

Potentate and Entire Divan Re-elected by Overwhelming Vote.

Leonard P. Steuart and the entire divan of Almas Temple were re-elected yesterday at the annual meeting held at the City Club.

The vote for Potentate Steuart was 1,890 as against 194 received by Henry Lansburgh. The decisive vote is taken by the membership of the temple as endorsement not only of the Steuart policy but as a vote of confidence in the Almas Temple 1933 Shrine committee.

Other officers elected were: Chief rabbi, Wisdom D. Brown, 1,811 votes; assistant rabbi, Harry F. Cary, 1,894 votes; high priest and prophet, George Duval, Jr., 1,933 votes; oriental judge, J. Walter Karpner, 1,841 votes; treasurer, Arthur F. Cook, 1,874 votes; recorder, F. Lawrence Walker, 1,963 votes.

For imperial representative, the vote was: Leonard P. Steuart, 1,862; F. Lawrence Walker, 1,466; James E. Flather, 1,815, and James T. Gibbs, 1,775. They were declared elected.

Mr. Steuart last night issued the following statement:

I hope every member of Almas Temple will now put his shoulder to the wheel and push the plans for the great session of the Imperial Council next June. If we can go forward with a united front, as I am sure we will, there is no question about the result. In this great enterprise Almas Temple is merely the instrumentality for the city of Washington. It is the greatest civic undertaking that it has been the lot of this community to handle.

We shall have with us as our guests next June as many visitors as there are now people in Washington. The event is to be a test of the city's capabilities as a convention city. We ask the united support of every citizen and are confident that with the people moving in one common purpose we shall win a great prestige for our community.

At the business session, life memberships were presented to George H. Whiting, Virgil M. Fookes and John W. Zimmerman.

## Has Written 400 Ballads

During her recent illness, Mrs. Harding, first lady of the land, ranked on several occasions that her favorite musical number, "The End of a Perfect Day," be played upon the White House victrola.

The composer of this and many other popular songs, Mrs. Carrie Jacobs Bond, who through her compositions has amassed a fortune, is now a widow, with only slight means for earning a livelihood, when she sold her song.

The song which is claimed as the favorite of the wife of the President was written in 1910, when she was 60 years of age.

She was born at Janesville, Wis., August 11, 1862, but now resides in Chicago, where she retains an office from which her songs are published. Her husband, a doctor, died in 1895. Since she has composed the song "The End of a Perfect Day," she has published 400 popular songs.

## Denies He Took \$70,000 Of Chicago Bank's Funds

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Seth G. Anderson, 35, a department manager of the First National Bank, under arrest charged with having embezzled \$70,000 of the bank's funds, today declared he had not taken the money.

Mrs. Anderson insisted her husband is innocent. "I have never even owned an automobile," Anderson told the police.

Bank officials claim Anderson had admitted defalcation of \$18,800. Anderson was with the bank for twenty years, starting as an office boy.

Stewart had registered at the hotel November 24 as "J. C. Mather, of St. Louis." It was said he had suffered financial reverses.

## Found Dead In Hotel, Carbolic Acid On Table

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—J. E. Stewart, two years ago head of a business house in Rochester, N. Y., and worth \$100,000, was found dead in a hotel here early today, a bottle of carbolic acid on a table beside him. The body was identified this afternoon.

Stewart had registered at the hotel November 24 as "J. C. Mather, of St. Louis." It was said he had suffered financial reverses.